

## ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION 1D

VOTE YES ON 1D: WE NEED TO INVEST IN OUR CHILDREN'S EDUCATION BECAUSE PROVIDING A QUALITY EDUCATION IS THE BEST THING WE CAN DO TO INVEST IN THEIR FUTURE

1D provides the funding to make our schools earthquake safe, reduce overcrowding, update our schools for the latest technology, build new facilities for vocational education, and build college labs that make the discoveries which fuel California's economy.

VOTE YES ON 1D: MAKE OUR SCHOOLS EARTHQUAKE SAFE

Our children's safety should be our top priority! The State Architect has determined that over 7,000 school buildings and many others on college campuses need structural upgrades to be earthquake safe.

VOTE YES ON 1D: REDUCE OVERCROWDING IN OUR SCHOOLS

Over a million students are trying to learn in schools with at least 75% more students than they were designed for. 1D will begin building enough schools so that our children can receive the quality education they deserve.

PROP. 1D INVESTS IN:

- Construction of approximately 6,500 new K–12 classrooms and 3,000 community college classrooms
- Repairing 31,000 classrooms
- Building science, engineering labs, and classrooms
- Providing 3,000 vocational education facilities

Visit [ReadForYourself.org](http://ReadForYourself.org) for a list of 1D projects.

1D IS SUPPORTED BY BOTH GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER AND BY DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR PHIL ANGELIDES. Leaders of both parties along with education and civic organizations all agree investing in our kids' education is the most important thing we can do to invest in their future.

VOTE YES ON 1D: NEW FACILITIES FOR VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Many students need vocational training instead of college, but our schools do not have up-to-date facilities to provide it. 1D will enable schools to provide the career and technical training many students need to get jobs.

VOTE YES ON 1D: STRICT ACCOUNTABILITY PROVISIONS

Every dollar must be strictly accounted for on a project-by-project basis with independent state and local audits. Misuse of funds is a crime, punishable by imprisonment.

VOTE YES ON 1D: FOR OUR ECONOMIC FUTURE

California's future cannot wait. The best way to grow our economy and create good paying jobs is to make sure our schools, community colleges, and universities have the facilities to train our kids. 1D provides necessary funding to build the community college and university labs and facilities they need.

Parents, teachers, and California's leaders agree that we need 1D to provide a quality public education, to make our schoolchildren safer in the event of an earthquake, and to allow community colleges and universities to improve their facilities.

YES ON 1D: PART OF A LONG-TERM PLAN TO REBUILD CALIFORNIA

Proposition 1D is part of the Rebuild California Plan, which uses the taxes we're already paying to build the roads, housing, schools, and water systems we need to sustain our economy and our quality of life for the long term.

THE REBUILD CALIFORNIA PLAN: YES ON 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, AND 1E

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## REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION 1D

Please don't be fooled into voting for this bond because your local school needs help. Most schools got nothing from the last statewide bond, and they will get nothing from this one! This bond requires 50% matching funds from local districts. Unless you live in a wealthy district with surplus cash to supply the matching funds, your schools will never see a penny from this bond—but you will be required to pay higher taxes for the next 30 years! Is this fair?

California is facing the most severe financial crisis in its history. Our credit rating is the worst in the nation. The Legislature has squandered the opportunity to build new schools with the astounding 23 percent growth in tax revenues over the past three years.

The results of this financial mismanagement are staggering. For decades, we will be forced to pay higher taxes just to pay back current debt. Today's schoolchildren

will still be paying for this bond long after their own children have graduated!

At a time when the Governor and the Legislature are struggling to repay the \$100,388,000,000 in previously-approved debt, this \$10,416,000,000 bond would dig us much deeper into a financial hole. Taxpayers will be forced to pay back more than twice the amount borrowed, due to compound interest and the cost of lawyers, Wall Street bond traders, and state bureaucrats.

Please VOTE NO on Proposition 1D. Tell Sacramento politicians to make school construction a top priority for existing tax revenues.

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